



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Box Number 1315
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

March 22, 1990

Honorable Thomas W. Corbett, Jr.
United States Attorney
633 United States Post Office
and Courthouse Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Attention: [REDACTED]

Assistant United States Attorney

RE: [REDACTED]

EXTORTION

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Dear Mr. Corbett:

This letter is to confirm a conversation on March 22, 1990, between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] of your office and Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Johnstown Resident Agency.

As you will recall, captioned matter involves a threatening letter sent to United States Congressman John P. Murtha, Twelfth District, Pennsylvania, and received at the Congressman's office in Somerset, Pennsylvania (PA). This letter was sent by captioned individual, [REDACTED] who is a patient at the Somerset State Hospital, Somerset, PA.

On March 22, 1990, AUSA [REDACTED] declined prosecution in this matter since it has no prosecutive merit due to the obvious mental problems of [REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,

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BOB C. REUTTER
Special Agent in Charge

BY: [REDACTED]

Supervisory Special Agent

Enclosure

- 1 - Addressee (Enc. 1)
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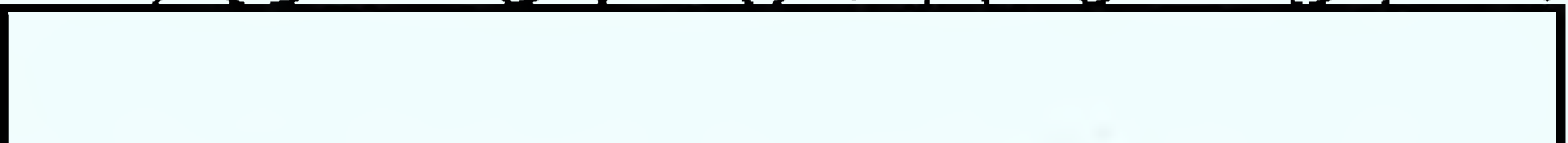
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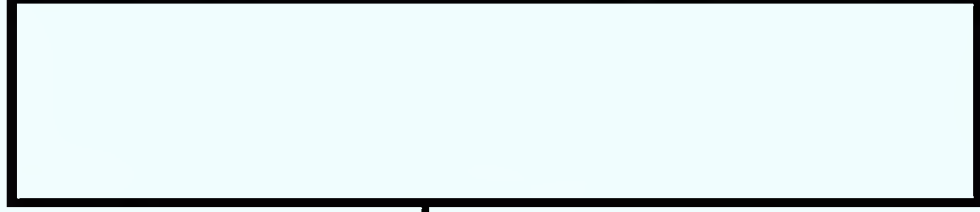
U.S. Congressman JOHN P. MURKIN
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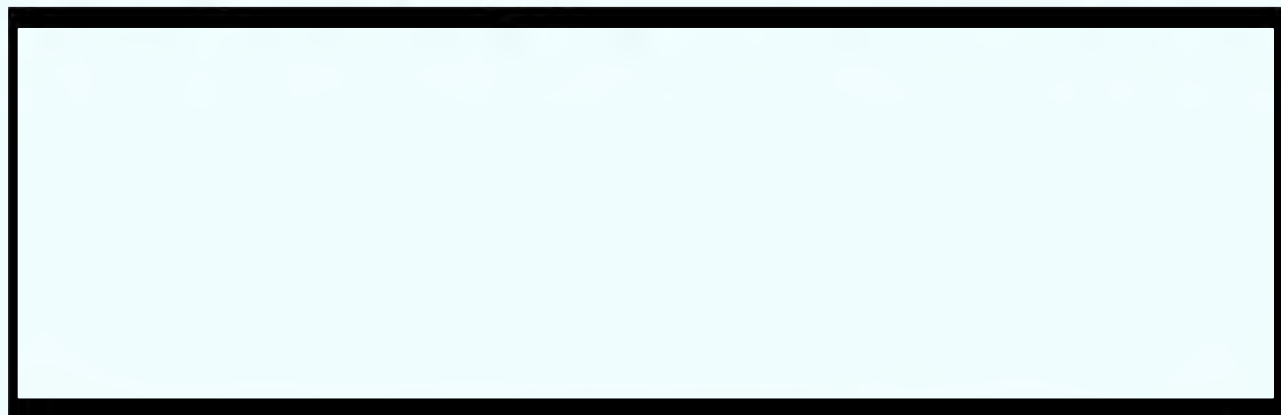
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DEAR John,

I AM the PRESIDENT of
the United States of America
 General of
the United States Air Force,
Andrew Air Force Base,
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WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM I AM
putting you to death for
what you did to me in school
you put me on the telephone
Against President of a foreign
country. you lie said the
congress. THAT IS THE REASON
YOUR HANGING AND DEATH
FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ME

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SPRINKLING
BEACH OF THE WIND



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PO BOX
Somerset State
Hospital
Somerset PA 15501

CONGRESS John P. Murtha
Somerset PA

15501



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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 26, 1990

[REDACTED]
JOHN P. MURTHA,
U.S. CONGRESSMAN,
TWELFTH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM
EXTORTION

On March 22, 1990, [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant to JOHN P. MURTHA, U.S. Congressman, Twelfth District, Pennsylvania (PA), reported a threatening letter was received through the U.S. Mail on March 22, 1990, at Congressman MURTHA'S office in Somerset, PA, and contained a threat to the life of Congressman MURTHA. The return address on the envelope listed the sender as [REDACTED] Somerset State Hospital, Somerset, PA, 15001, and the letter was postmarked March 21, 1990, from the Somerset State Hospital, Somerset, PA.

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Somerset State Hospital officials were contacted and confirmed that [REDACTED] is currently a patient at the hospital. [REDACTED] has been diagnosed as a chronic schizophrenic. [REDACTED] has been treated at the Somerset State Hospital and the Fairview State Hospital continuously since 1983.

Dr. [REDACTED] M.D., attending physician, advised that due to [REDACTED] medical history, [REDACTED] is considered unpredictable and dangerous because of previous acts of striking out with hands and fists against staff members at the hospital. Staff members at the hospital added that, in their opinion, [REDACTED] does not have the foresight, judgement or attention span to plan or carryout any plot to assault a public official.

This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is loaned to your agency;
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distributed outside your agency.

- 5 - Bureau
- 3 - Washington Metropolitan
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- 1 - USA, WDP, Pittsburgh
- 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Pittsburgh
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[redacted] is permitted to have a grounds pass for the hospital, and he did attempt to escape from the hospital on one prior occasion. During that incident, [redacted] walked a short distance off hospital grounds, but was never considered a threat to the public.

Hospital staff members reported that approximately four years ago, an inquiry was conducted by the U.S. Secret Service concerning a letter written by [redacted]

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[redacted] is currently at the Somerset State Hospital under a 180 day, court-ordered commitment. Hospital officials advised it is unlikely that [redacted] condition will improve, and they do not foresee [redacted] being released in the near future.

On March 22, 1990, [redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at the Somerset State Hospital. [redacted] signed a release for his medical records and consented to the interview. During this interview, [redacted] readily admitted to writing the threatening letter to Congressman MURTHA. [redacted] stated he never intended to do any harm to Congressman MURTHA as he only sent the letter to get back at him (the Congressman) for an incident that occurred in 1979. [redacted] advised he believes Congressman MURTHA and others may have been responsible for his not being able to get into the military upon his high school graduation. [redacted] also claimed he was a general in the U.S. Air Force and had previously talked with President FORD and Soviet Premier BREZNEV.

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[redacted] father, [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] mother is deceased, and he has one brother who resides in [redacted] PA. [redacted] attended and graduated from [redacted] in 1979.

[redacted] is described as follows:

[redacted]

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|------------------------|--|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | Johnstown, PA |
| Social Security Number | [redacted] |
| Height | 6' |
| Weight | 200 lbs. |
| Hair | Blond |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Facial hair | Thin blond mustache |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Other | Wears gold wire-rimmed prescription glasses. |
| Marital status | Single |
| Last known address | (previous to hospital commitment) [redacted] |

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On March 23, 1990, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA, was contacted for his prosecutive opinion. AUSA [redacted] advised he could see no prosecutive merit due to the obvious mental problems of [redacted] and declined to prosecute this matter.

On March 22, 1990, Special Agent [redacted] U.S. Secret Service, Pittsburgh, PA, was telephonically contacted and advised of the above.

On March 23, 1990, [redacted] was telephonically contacted and advised of the results of investigation and interview of [redacted]

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Attached hereto is a copy of the letter and envelope sent to Congressman MURTHA'S office by [redacted]

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

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☐ TOP SECRET
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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 3/26/90

1 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 2 FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (9B-PG-52152) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

4 JOHN P. MURTHA,
 5 U.S. CONGRESSMAN,
 6 TWELFTH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM
 7 EXTORTION
 8 (OO: PITTSBURGH)

9 Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four
 10 copies of an LHM setting forth results of investigation.
 11 Enclosed for WMFO are three copies of same LHM.

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12 On 3/22/90, [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant to
 13 Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA, reported that a threatening letter
 14 had been received through the U.S. Mail on 3/22/90, at
 15 Congressman MURTHA'S office in Somerset, PA. [REDACTED] stated letter
 16 contained a threat to Congressman MURTHA'S life. The letter was
 17 postmarked 3/21/90, and the return address on the envelope
 18 listed the sender as [REDACTED] of Somerset State Hospital,
 19 Somerset, PA.

20 Officials at the Somerset State Hospital confirmed that
 21 subject is currently a patient at that insitution. Officials of
 the hospital advised that subject has been diagnosed as a
 chronic schizophrenic and has been continuously treated at
 Somerset State Hospital and Fairview State Hospital from 1983
 through the present time.

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Officials at the hospital advised, in their opinion, subject does not have the foresight, judgement or attention span to plan or carryout any plot to assault a public official. Hospital officials also advised the subject does not have a history of escape from the hospital and has not attempted to escape from the hospital recently.

On 3/22/90, an interview was conducted with the subject at Somerset State Hospital. Subject admitted to writing the threatening letter to Congressman MURTHA, stating his reason is he blames the Congressman, among others, for his not being able to get into the military after he graduated from high school in 1979. Subject advised he never intended to assault or kill Congressman MURTHA. Subject is identified as follows:

[REDACTED] W/M; D/POB [REDACTED] at Johnstown, PA; SSAN [REDACTED]

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Somerset State Hospital officials advised it is highly unlikely that subject will be released from the care of the hospital in the near future, since he has been receiving care at the hospital since 1983 and his condition has not improved.

On 3/22/90, the Pittsburgh Office of the U.S. Secret Service was telephonically contacted and advised of the above threat.

Pittsburgh indices reviewed with negative results.

An immediate declination was received from the USA'S Office, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA.

Unless further investigation is required, Pittsburgh considers this matter RUC.

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